

Senate Resolution 1234

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending David C. Simons on achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel
2 in the Georgia Air National Guard; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel David C. Simons has served as a guardian of this nation's
7 freedom and liberty with the United States Army Special Forces and currently serves as a
8 public affairs officer with the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard; and

9 WHEREAS, Lt. Colonel Simons completed a tour of duty with the 386th Air Expeditionary
10 Wing in Southwest Asia, where he flew 35 combat sorties as a public affairs officer, and he
11 was also deployed to Gulfport, Mississippi, after Hurricane Katrina; and

12 WHEREAS, he earned bachelor's degrees in business and political science from MacMurray
13 College and a master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University, and
14 he is a graduate of Leadership Savannah; and

15 WHEREAS, Lt. Colonel Simons has worked in the legislative affairs arena for over 15 years
16 and serves as president of Simons Political Group, a government relations and business
17 consulting firm; and

18 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honor and accolades, including a 1999
19 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, a Small
20 Business Advocate of the Year Award from the Small Business Chamber, and was named
21 a "40 Under 40" business leader by the *Savannah Business Report and Journal*; and

22 WHEREAS, Lt. Colonel Simons embodies the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
23 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
24 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
25 appropriately.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Lieutenant Colonel David C. Simons for his deep personal commitment to
28 protecting democracy, recognize his willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and
29 comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow American, and congratulate him upon being
30 conferred the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel David C. Simons.